

# DEPARTMENT of the INTERIOR

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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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### FISH AND WILDLIFE AID TO STATES REACHES \$90 MILLION

Ninety million dollars in Federal Aid funds have been apportioned by Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus to the 50 States, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, and the Virgin Islands for sport fish and wildlife restoration and hunter safety programs. Funds become available for use on October 1, 1980.

The \$90 million, obtained from excise tax collections in fiscal year 1980, is the first of two installments distributed this year to be used by the States to finance their fish and wildlife restoration programs. The second installment will be distributed after the tally of fiscal year 1980 tax receipts is completed by the Treasury Department. Last year, a total of \$117 million in Federal Aid funds was distributed to the States.

Of the total funds available, \$56.1 million are for wildlife restoration, \$24.5 million for fish restoration, and \$9.4 million for hunter safety programs.

Funds for wildlife restoration and hunter safety programs come from an 11 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition, a 10 percent tax on pistols and revolvers, and an 11 percent tax on certain archery equipment. Distribution of wildlife restoration funds is based on a formula which takes into account the number of hunting license holders and the area of each State. These funds may be used on approved State wildlife projects such as the acquisition of land suitable for habitat, development and management of habitat, and research to aid in managing game species.

Distribution of hunter safety funds is based on the relative population of each State and may be used for State hunter education programs, including construction, operations, and maintenance of public target ranges. The States, however, may also use these funds for wildlife restoration projects.

Fish restoration funds come from a 10 percent excise tax on fishing rods, reels, creels, and artificial baits, lures, and flies. Distribution of the funds is made according to a formula based on the number of fishing license holders and the area of each State, including coastal and Great Lakes waters. Activities performed by the States include the purchase of land and water areas, construction and rehabilitation of lakes, development of access sites and facilities for fishermen, and research to aid in management of sport fisheries.

The attached tables show the distribution of funds by State.

Preliminary Apportionment for Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration  
Fiscal Year 1981

	Wildlife Restoration	Hunter Safety	Total
Alabama	\$ 1,002,821	\$ 230,083	\$ 1,232,904
Alaska	2,805,000	94,000	2,899,000
Arizona	1,320,352	118,409	1,438,761
Arkansas	1,021,588	128,483	1,150,071
California	2,250,402	282,000	2,532,402
Colorado	1,406,387	147,453	1,553,840
Connecticut	280,500	202,564	483,064
Delaware	280,500	94,000	374,500
Florida	946,419	282,000	1,228,419
Georgia	1,117,316	282,000	1,399,316
Hawaii	280,500	94,000	374,500
Idaho	1,121,755	94,000	1,215,755
Illinois	1,146,807	282,000	1,428,807
Indiana	963,703	282,000	1,245,703
Iowa	1,031,063	188,724	1,219,787
Kansas	1,101,210	150,247	1,251,457
Kentucky	867,687	215,062	1,082,749
Louisiana	1,011,912	243,378	1,255,290
Maine	665,266	94,000	759,266
Maryland	366,103	262,031	628,134
Massachusetts	280,500	282,000	562,500
Michigan	2,037,837	282,000	2,319,837
Minnesota	1,725,441	254,193	1,979,634
Mississippi	880,252	148,098	1,028,350
Missouri	1,352,372	282,000	1,634,372
Montana	1,639,031	94,000	1,733,031
Nebraska	948,051	99,123	1,047,174
Nevada	1,055,438	94,000	1,149,438
New Hampshire	280,500	94,000	374,500
New Jersey	343,867	282,000	625,867
New Mexico	1,287,402	94,000	1,381,402
New York	1,608,998	282,000	1,890,998
North Carolina	1,062,110	282,000	1,344,110
North Dakota	784,578	94,000	878,578
Ohio	1,270,429	282,000	1,552,429
Oklahoma	1,073,536	170,968	1,244,504
Oregon	1,496,014	139,712	1,635,726
Pennsylvania	2,430,256	282,000	2,712,256
Rhode Island	280,500	94,000	374,500
South Carolina	636,470	173,056	809,526
South Dakota	902,414	94,000	996,414
Tennessee	1,180,535	262,149	1,442,684
Texas	2,805,000	282,000	3,087,000
Utah	1,146,988	94,000	1,240,988
Vermont	280,500	94,000	374,500
Virginia	1,082,570	282,000	1,364,570
Washington	1,170,900	227,745	1,398,645
West Virginia	705,993	116,522	822,515
Wisconsin	1,695,554	282,000	1,977,554
Wyoming	1,201,173	94,000	1,295,173
Guam	93,500	-0-	93,500
Puerto Rico	280,500	-0-	280,500
Virgin Islands	93,500	-0-	93,500
Total	\$56,100,000	\$9,400,000	\$65,500,000

Preliminary Apportionment for Federal Aid in Fish Restoration  
Fiscal Year 1981

Alabama	\$ 421,055
Alaska	1,225,000
Arizona	520,383
Arkansas	437,188
California	1,225,000
Colorado	579,833
Connecticut	245,000
Delaware	245,000
Florida	576,621
Georgia	481,796
Hawaii	245,000
Idaho	436,470
Illinois	526,900
Indiana	450,188
Iowa	381,254
Kansas	381,781
Kentucky	404,780
Louisiana	359,575
Maine	245,000
Maryland	245,000
Massachusetts	245,000
Michigan	883,024
Minnesota	953,423
Mississippi	335,797
Missouri	590,748
Montana	566,958
Nebraska	306,426
Nevada	384,418
New Hampshire	245,000
New Jersey	245,000
New Mexico	430,777
New York	551,586
North Carolina	377,844
North Dakota	267,291
Ohio	567,525
Oklahoma	482,001
Oregon	626,558
Pennsylvania	609,162
Rhode Island	245,000
South Carolina	288,173
South Dakota	273,908
Tennessee	443,826
Texas	1,225,000
Utah	446,732
Vermont	245,000
Virginia	344,840
Washington	651,041
West Virginia	245,000
Wisconsin	897,575
Wyoming	402,545
Guam	81,666
Puerto Rico	245,000
Virgin Islands	81,666
American Samoa	81,666
Total	\$24,500,000